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EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO REPAIR DAMAGED ROAD AND FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES DUE TO EARLY JANUARY 2005 RAINSTORMS

On January 25, 2005, your Board made a finding that an emergency situation existed that required immediate measures be undertaken to repair damage to County roads and flood control facilities throughout the County to restore access to residents and businesses and to minimize the risk of additional flood damage from future storms.

Public Works has been aggressive in negotiating and executing contracts on behalf of the County to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies to perform repairs to County roads and flood control facilities. Of the 138 total road closures as a result of the January storms, only 14 unincorporated County roads remain completely closed with 12 remaining partially closed. Removal of sediment from critically full debris basins and inlets and repairs to essential flood control facilities are nearing completion.

Although significant progress has been made, all the necessary work has not yet been completed.

We therefore recommend that your Board determine that there is a need to continue this emergency action and that the Executive Officer continue to place this item on the agenda for Board review every 14 days in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22050.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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